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More than \$2.8 million in COVID relief for county

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County and its four lower-tier townships will collectively receive some \$2.87 million in COVID-19 relief funding from the provincial government, money to help offset operating pressures related to the ongoing pandemic.

Premier Doug Ford announced funding of \$1.6 billion for Ontario's municipalities on Wednesday, that money being divided up using a population-based formula.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott made a local announcement outside the Haliburton County office on Newcastle Street in Minden. The upper tier of the county will receive \$1.435 million; the Municipality of Dysart et al \$475,400; the Township of Minden Hills \$402,200; Highlands East \$281,700; and the Township of Algonquin

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On air for health care

Moose FM announcer Rick Lowes encourages donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation during the radiothon held Aug. 13 and 14. Donations go to purchase vital signs monitors for the hospitals in Minden and Haliburton. The sites received more than 26,000 visits last year that required use of the vital signs monitors. The event helped to raise \$32,234 for HHHSF. /DARREN LUM Staff

TLDSB extends school re-registration deadline

10 to 15 per cent of families opting out of in-person learning

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Undecided parents still choosing between back-to-school options were given unexpected extra time to consider future plans when the Trillium Lake-

lands District School Board extended the deadline for school re-registration last week, after the original deadline had passed.

The original deadline of Aug. 13 had been announced through communication to parents from the board on Aug. 7, after the Ford government outlined a school reopening plan

on July 30, and the TLDSB met virtually on Aug. 4 to take next steps toward planning for September school after what will be almost six months of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Aug. 13 at around 7 p.m., parents received new communication extending the re-registration date to end of day, Aug. 18.

"As of mid-way through last week we had over 8,000 re-registrations, so nearly half of all students," said Sinead Fegan, TLDSB communications officer, this week. "However, the more students registered, the better our planning will go and so we've provided an additional

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County 'over the moon' about funding: warden

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Highlands \$275,900.

"This is new money for our communities that will provide municipalities with the support they need to protect the health and well-being of Ontario residents," Scott said. "This assistance will continue to deliver needed public services as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery."

The funding was welcome news to the county's municipal politicians.

"We're really over the moon about this," said Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen. "It's going to help us tremendously with some of the challenges we've got."

At the county level, Danielsen noted some of those challenges include IT and other technology, as well as possible reconfiguration of staff space and council chambers within the county office, as a result of the pandemic.

"In Minden Hills, we've moved personnel around our whole building, we've modified entrances, and obviously with technology . . . you know, a virtual studio for council and/or committees I'd say is probably another thing that's going to become a permanent fixture that it can help fund," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

"There's quite a time period where the money can be spent, but you do have to keep track of every bill," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. "There'll be reporting. So it's not like we can spend this money on something non-COVID-related. So, it's expenses incurred, and expenses that will be incurred."

According to a release from the province, the \$1.6 billion in municipal funding announced last week constitutes the first phase of a COVID-19 relief funding program. A second phase, with an additional \$695 million in available funding, will be application-based.



HKLBP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott, centre, is joined by Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen, and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts as she announced more than \$2.8 million in COVID-19 relief funding for the county and its four lower-tier municipalities on Aug. 12. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

EORN applies for funding for gig project

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network, owned by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, of which Haliburton County is a part, is applying for federal and provincial funding for what it's calling its gig project.

That project would deliver "gig" internet speeds – that's 1,000 Mbps, or one gigabyte per second – to the area.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the crisis in rural internet access and capacity," reads a release from EORN. "It has impacted businesses, student learning, health care and government services. Fixing the issue now with a comprehensive gig solution will ensure that rural communities have the connectivity needed to recover from the pandemic and compete globally over the long term."

The project would be a public-private partnership, worth \$1.6 billion. It is separate from EORN's \$213-million cell gap project, which is getting underway, and which seeks to eliminate gaps in mobile, broadband internet connectivity throughout eastern Ontario.

Student numbers to aid in classroom planning, bus route schedules

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few days for parents to respond."

School re-registration, in which parents decide whether their students will return to in-class learning, enrol in online learning or pursue a private option instead is a requirement by school boards to ensure accurate numbers for planning purposes.

Fegan said that as of just prior to the re-registration deadline, approximately 10 to 15 per cent of families throughout the TLDSB region were looking to opt out of in-school learning.

"All parents/guardians (and students over the age of 18) must re-register each child for school, including those newly registered at a TLDSB school," reads the TLDSB website. "We will not be able to make determinations on classroom make up, schedules, or bus routes until we know who is coming to school in September, and who will be staying at home for remote learning." Parents who had previously registered prior to the extension but wanted to change their decision before the new deadline were given the option to do so, however, after Monday, changes to registration decisions could not be made.

"Once your choice has been made, this will remain the program for your child until late October," reads

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— TLDSB website

the TLDSB website. "We cannot make changes prior to this because any change means alterations to classroom cohorts and to bussing route schedules. This decision has been made in the best interest of safety of our students and our staff."

Further information regarding return to school updates from the TLDSB, including an Aug. 11 letter from new director of education Wes Hahn is available here: <http://www.tldsb.ca/returntoschool>.

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County plans to reduce emissions 15% by 2030

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors accepted a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county during their online Aug. 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The county hired climate change coordinator Korey McKay last fall, McKay working on the plan since. That process began by taking an inventory of the greenhouse gas emissions produced by the county and its lower-tier municipalities. The first phase of the project is the creation of a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county and each of the four lower tiers, corporate greenhouse gas emissions being those that are produced by the municipal governments themselves.

Using 2018 emission levels as a baseline, the target at the county level is to reduce emissions by 15 per cent by 2030.

"So, some high level points about the plan, it focuses on our corporate greenhouse gas emissions, which we have direct control over," McKay told councillors. "It presents us with potential opportunities and actions to reduce our corporate carbon footprint and achieve, or ideally exceed, the emissions reduction target."

McKay said the plan also incorporates best practices that have proven effective in other municipalities.

"The plan centres around three main goals," McKay said. "The first goal, for our buildings, to improve our energy efficiency and transition to low-carbon and renewal sources of energy in our municipal facilities. The second goal, looking at our municipal fleet, reducing our fuel consumption and transitioning to low-carbon vehicles and fuels."

For the county, 82 per cent of its emissions come from its vehicle fleet, the remaining 18 per cent from its buildings.

"And lastly, integrating climate change considerations across our municipal programs, policies and plans," McKay said.

For buildings, McKay said some actions could include undertaking an energy audit and based on the results of that audit, recreate a schedule for replacement of various items with low-carbon and energy efficient options. Another could be the creation of a green new building policy. "So should the county expand in the future and need to build something new, having a policy in place that we are building new buildings to a higher standard, beyond the building code, to ensure that these are low-carbon and do not cause a huge spike in greenhouse gas emissions."

For the vehicle fleet, some suggestions include the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, which could be used both for the county's fleet and by members of the public on a scheduled basis, as well as an anti-idling policy and purchasing policy prioritizing lowest-carbon options.

Regarding municipal policies, McKay is working with county planner Charley White on integrating climate change mitigation language into the county's official plan, for example.

Including a climate change perspective in staff reports to council is another example.

McKay has also created plans of each of the lower-tier municipalities which she will present to their councils, and a continuing cross-county dialogue will include the creation of a working group populated largely by municipal staffers.

In the future, McKay will also be creating a community climate change mitigation plan that will focus on the public and the community at large, and the working group for that plan will include members of the public.

"We have a lot to think about here, about how we'll go forward," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Liz

Danielsen.

"A wonderful report, exciting times," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "I look forward to the years to come that we move forward on this."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wondered how sharing of electric vehicle charging stations would work given that most of the county's vehicles are stored in public works yards.

"Looking at hybrid and electric, this is likely for our more light-duty fleet, especially at the beginning," McKay said. "So things like our county administration van, the trucks some of our engineers

drive going to an SUV hybrid, as well as building department SUVs."

"The nice co-ordination option here is the location of the county building and one of our township buildings [Minden Hills] where we also share a parking lot," said White. "So if both municipalities move forward with this initiative there could be some collaboration there, whereby we could share that facility as well."

Moffatt also reiterated there are many members of the public who are keen to get involved in the process as the county progresses into a community plan.

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Riding through Glebe

A mountain biker rides down the Homestead Trail at Glebe Park on Wednesday, Aug. 12 in Haliburton. The park offers nearly 13 kilometres of trails, which can be accessed from either the Haliburton Highlands Museum or the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lots. / DARREN LUM Staff



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School's Cool back in class

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The details of schools reopening are still being worked out, but a modified School's Cool program began last week in Haliburton, Coboconk, Gravenhurst, Huntsville and Lindsay.

In March, while the province was seeing cancellations and closures of events, programs and services due to the attempt to slow the spread of coronavirus, SIRCH Community Services announced the temporary suspension of several programs and services including Cook It Up Tuesdays, Repair Cafe and School's Cool, until further notice.

The 20-year-old School's Cool program typically runs in the summer inside schools for six weeks, offering an introduction to school for three- and four-year-old future students. The program had only been cancelled once in the past when it was short on funds, but was cancelled for the second time this past May affecting about 30 to 40 kids, some whose parents had signed up in January for a spot.

To open the modified program, SIRCH worked with the health unit to implement protocols in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic: classrooms are sanitized throughout the day, class sizes are capped at 10 kids, and the children in each program are considered a cohort for the three-week period, meaning no other children or adults will join, according to Gena Robertson, executive director SIRCH. Additionally, parents do not enter the school, with instructors meeting them upon arrival and pick-up, bringing students to and from the classroom.

"The programs went really well today," said Robertson last week. "Since we are allowed limited toys – no fabrics, stuffies, etc., surfaces must be able to be disinfected – and can't use the playground equipment, the instructors are having to be quite creative. We Zoom meet daily to share best practices."

She noted that School's Cool is following guidelines for day camps and those issued by the Public Health Agency



Chris Lynd, School's Cool trainer, has her temperature taken with an infrared laser temperature gun by Deborah McDonald, a Lindsay-based School's Cool instructor during a three-day training held at Lakeside Church. / Submitted

of Canada.

Chris Lynd, a School's Cool trainer for many years, worked with 14 instructors – two per course, plus back-ups in case anyone has to take time off, according to Robertson. "[Instructors] have used their knowledge of how young children learn and found interesting ways to keep the children active and engaged," said Lynd. "They are taking the children outdoors for games, obstacle courses, ball toss, bubbles and explorations into the natural spaces around the school. They are using the outdoors as much as possible, bringing their stories and counting and letter work outside."

The programs are funded by Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

For further information, contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or at www.sirch.on.ca.

Business gets support from community for taking precautions

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

When a post on McFadden's Meat Market social media page on Aug. 4 alerted customers that the store would temporarily close due to possible exposure to someone with COVID-19, the responses came quickly – and unlike the eventual results of the COVID-19 test, the comments were positive.

"Thank you for your transparency," said one. "You are modelling such ethical responsibility."

"Thank you for looking after our community," said another.

"I'll have to buy twice as much next time I'm in," said another.

McFadden was overwhelmed with the community support. His team had posted that they were made aware after the long weekend that someone they knew had come into contact with someone with a possible positive case of COVID-19.

"Although it is a very low chance that we have come into contact with it, we have no choice but to close until the results come in," read the post. "Our safety, customers' safety and delivery personnel safety always comes first."

McFadden said that he had had a "nice weekend away after a heck of a long month," taking precautions while camping with friends, but upon returning, heard from a friend he had been with that they had learned after the weekend they had possibly been exposed to the virus prior to the getaway. McFadden said he felt terrible that he had already had staff into the store at that point to clean after the weekend, as well as a delivery person for a drop-off but was relieved to find out early enough to quickly cancel all orders that were set to come in that day.

"Three different transport trucks were on their way and I just called the company and said look, if this is



Mike McFadden, with youngest son Jax, stand with Prince Edward Island Tomahawk Steaks. / Submitted photo

true, I don't want to be the one that shuts your company down as well, and that puts a strain on other businesses ... I don't know if this is serious, if it's a false alarm, but I just can't take that chance."

McFadden said it was a waiting game until the results of the direct contact and those in the group who were tested came back negative.

"It was great news, but it just shows you the snowball effect this can have," said McFadden, of the possibility of people unintentionally carrying the virus throughout the community. "You don't realize how quickly this can spread."

McFadden's choice to be honest with the public despite possible stigma came easily, he said, noting he had worked hard to make his business what it is, was a trusted small business in the community and that years of diligence could have been quickly tarnished if he wasn't forthcoming. The lost income during the closure was a small price to pay, he said, to ensure safety of those in the community who could be most affected by the virus.

"We're dealing with this as a community, as a country and we're going to have to make the best of it," he said.

Set timelines needed for septic fixes, Ryall says

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 11 special and regular meeting of Highlands East council.

Arlene Quinn, septic inspector, reported to council that of 275 properties deemed high-risk through the municipality's septic maintenance inspection program from 2017 to 2019, only 88 have been resolved, leaving 187 outstanding.

Typically, Quinn said the steps taken to resolve issues with septic systems involve a letter being sent to property owners, then a follow-up letter if necessary, and a last letter sent with a timeline to contact the building department to prevent further action, and finally an order to comply posted to the property with a copy sent to the property owner.

She noted that properties which were gated or that refused access were indicated in the high risk category because they were unable to be assessed, and that some marked outstanding were moving toward compliance.

Quinn said there were numerous other reasons why some sites were deemed high-risk, including that some property owners have financial challenges in addressing septic system problems, for which she has tried to help find financial assistance programs, or that some have not been able to procure the services of a qualified installer, in part due to a busy industry as Dysart et al and Alqonguin Highlands townships complete their own septic maintenance inspection programs. The pandemic has prevented some property owners from being able to access their sites this year.

"We are running into many who simply refuse to acknowledge our correspondence," reported Quinn. "Generally, these are seasonal property owners that have made changes to their properties without the required building permits (such as bunkies). Changes such as these can undersize their septic according to OBC sizing calculations, which then makes the property considered 'high risk.' The problem is twofold: a building/bylaw issue and a septic one."

Quinn said her experience in those cases was that owners chose not to acknowledge septic letters, as they didn't want to have to revert bunkies back to sheds, or remove added bedrooms.

"These are the properties that we have the hardest time getting into compliance and court orders may be necessary," she said.

The septic maintenance program is complex, with many variables to be considered, she reported.

"Each property of concern is unique and each person's situation is different therefore making resolution, compliance and statistical information rather challenging," she told council. "Our approach has been to address highest priorities first, regardless of what year inspection transpired."

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall, who has asked for reports on outstanding septic challenges at prior meetings, said "this has been a subject of major concern and discussion for quite awhile."

He applauded the work being done by the municipality staff to work with septic owners.

"It is definitely something that shows that our municipality is not just out there trying to enforce a bylaw," he said. "We're trying to be compassionate. We're trying to do the job as best as we can. But at the end of the day we have to protect what needs to be protected."



Highlands East council met virtually on Aug. 11. Clerk Robyn Rogers said the electronic meetings have been overall successful./Screenshot

He noted it was important to work with those who were struggling to deal with the financial cost of correcting problems, but that he was concerned with people who might not be working with the municipality. He said lake associations that he has spoken to have the same concerns.

"And if we're going to take litigation, let's do it," he said. "Because at the end of the day, if we're going to be crying wolf, then nothing is going to happen, then that's it. I understand that there's cost associated with anything we do. There's also cost associated with nothing if we choose to do so."

Ryall requested more details on how many property owners were working – or not – with the municipality, and what individual timelines or conditions in resolving those challenges might look like.

"We need to get this thing done, especially if we're going back into 2017 and 2018," he said. "We need to come up with some timelines for closing off these various phases, otherwise this is going to drag on beyond my lifetime."

Council accepted Quinn's report as information.

Online council meetings continuing

During a special meeting of council held before the regular council meeting last week, a resolution was passed to amend municipal procedural bylaws to allow for members of council and committees participating in electronic meetings to be counted for purposes of quorum outside of a state of emergency.

Robyn Rogers, clerk, reported to council, noting that "prior to COVID-19 and Bill 187, the Municipal Act included provisions for electronic participation (Bill 68) and at that time Highlands East council did amend council procedural bylaw which permitted electronic participation to take place, however, members who participated electronically were not counted towards quorum and participation was not permitted for in-camera meetings."

In March of this year, the Municipal Act was amended through Bill 187 to allow councils and local boards to meet electronically during states of emergency declared by the province or municipality, under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

"Highlands East has been utilizing the Zoom platform with livestreaming to the public to ensure that the municipality is following the open meeting requirements under the Municipal Act, and that the public has had the opportunity to speak

to council when required," reported Rogers. "Overall, electronic meetings have been successful."

Bill 197, receiving royal assent on July 21, allows electronic meetings to continue outside of a declaration of an emergency, if they choose.

"Until such time that the social gathering and social distancing measures are lifted, the use of these provisions will provide the necessary flexibility so that the municipality can continue to conduct business, while ensuring that the public has access to participate while carrying out safety precautions," said Rogers's report. "The provisions will also provide flexibility for members should medical or health concerns, municipal or personal business or during emergencies prohibits them from attending a meeting in person."

Rogers said the associated cost to coordinate and broadcast the meetings online was about \$73 a month, and that continued research would be required to determine what equipment or additional costs might need to be put in place for the meetings to continue to be livestreamed even once the public could safely return to view meetings.

Kennisis Lake Road collision results in driver charged

Two drivers were treated for non-life threatening injuries on Aug. 15 after a two-car collision occurred on Kennisis Lake Road in Haliburton.

Liane Spong-Hooyenga, detachment commander with the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police, said one vehicle was making a U-turn when struck

by the second vehicle and police were called at about 9:24 a.m.

"As a result of the collision, one of the drivers was charged," she said.

The drivers were aged 19 and 20 years old.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Advocate for better

IN HER MEMOIR, disability rights activist Judith Heumann wrote of how historic changes that had been fought for might be taken for granted by those who hadn't seen the work put in to advocating for change, "but our government is constantly changing. It was created by groups of people and it gets changed by groups of people. This presents us with a choice: Do we want to be the people creating the government we believe in, or do we want to be the people simply accepting whatever comes our way?"

After the school reopening announcement made at the end of July by the Ford government, many parents and caregivers were stressed that calls for smaller class sizes had been ignored, and uncomfortable with having questions unanswered before having to make a choice that felt rushed given the registration timing and lack of information.

Make the best choice for your family, is what parents are being told. It's a soothing thought, one that helps us more comfortably focus on what is best for us, but mixed messaging compared to what we have heard since March, when we worked collectively, locking down the province to flatten the curve for the greater good. We must make a decision for our kids with the information we have at this time, but we can also consider what we can do to support a responsible reopening that works for more families, heeds the advice of professional educators and medical guidelines, protects our public schools and prevents another province-wide lockdown.

If we are "all in this together," as goes just one of the oft-used phrases of 2020, then it seems we need to do more to create a school reopening plan better than simply accepting what has come our way so that we can best protect everyone with a safe and viable option. Locally, our confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been low, though we know numbers can too-quickly increase with poorly organized gatherings.

We can take control ourselves to keep cases low by teaching our kids proper hygiene and practising mask-wearing; ensuring our personal social bubbles are small and the risky behaviour that's been creeping into our lives is paused as our kids join a classroom and bus cohort; donating to programs that will support families that will struggle with the costs of buying individual classroom supplies, reusable meal containers, and protective outdoor gear; working with our employers and employees for flexibility that allows working

parents to drive kids to/from school if possible and work from home or have sick days when our kids have to stay home with colds, and offering curbside options at local businesses so families don't have to continue taking their kids into stores.

But whether our kids will learn at-school or at-home, or if we even have school-aged kids, we can also advocate together for better – contacting our provincial government to ensure our insistence on responsible leadership and a quality, better plan with a thoughtful priority on safety is heard. We need to raise our voices, and as with raising our kids, it's going to take a village.



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Editorial



Haliburton pathway to the sun

by Darren Lum

Choices big and small

HANK KNEW it was going to be a good day. How could it not be? Clear blue sky, not even a hint of rain and just enough wind to keep the air comfortable. The breeze off the lake gently rustled the canopy as he hammered in the spikes to keep it secure. All around him, other vendors were doing the same. Lift, carry, place, stake. Repeat. Like mushrooms in the forest, canopies popped up in a multitude of colours. And like ants under those canopies, bodies scurried to set up tables and spread their wares for the people they knew could arrive at any time. Arrive they did. Even though not every seller was ready, potential customers started showing up.

It was a perfect day for the farmers' market. Unlike some summers when it seemed to rain or storm on market days, this year the weather gods had been more than cooperative. As a result Hank had developed a real farmer's tan. He looked at his arms and marveled at the white band where his watch would normally be. Having left in a hurry that morning, he had forgotten the time piece. Now the morning the sun spilled over the park bathing the scene in its golden light. Trees gently sighed while birds twittered their pleasure at the fine day.

He watched the first group making its way around the market, rubbing sanitizer over their hands as they set out. Most of them could have been taken for bandits in another time and place. The combination of sunglasses, hats and face coverings meant even old friends were easily mistaken for strangers.

Hank especially enjoyed seeing families stroll through the market. Young children ranged from disinterest to fascination as the adults led the way. One young girl, who looked about 10, approached his table, clutching a 10 dollar bill. Obviously on a mission to spend the money burning a hole in her hand, she looked at his wares with great concentration. Hank smiled and wondered what she would do. Just then her father slid up beside her

and suggested she might want to look around a bit more before making her decision. She left with him, the money still in her small fist. Hank knew from experience the chances were 50/50 she would return. But that was fine with him. He understood she was in the process of learning about money and how best to spend it.

Older couples in no apparent hurry stopped at every table, chatting with the sellers. For some, this was a major attraction of the farmers' market. Past friendships were renewed, gardening tips and new information was passed on and the whole atmosphere was one of shared pleasure and a celebration of all that nature could provide. Even with restrictions in place to keep people safe, conversation flourished and

Hank knew there were plenty of smiles behind the masks.

As he stood behind his table, he was able to wave and return greetings. Some friends stopped to talk or simply offered a comment as they passed. The weather and current political situation were the most popular topics while people moved along. After one of these exchanges, Hank noticed someone on a bicycle slow down then turn around to backtrack. The man came to a stop

in front of Hank's display. With a smile that belied his words, the bicyclist questioned what he had heard said between Hank and one of his friends. Hank looked at this fellow. There was a slight smirk on the uncovered face and an intensity in the eyes as he waited for Hank's response. Hank summed up the situation on the spot. Deciding this person seemed to be looking for a debate or even a confrontation, Hank refused to engage. As he said to the man, the farmers' market was a place for enjoyment and not political debate. Although this did not seem to be the desired reply, the man turned away. As he moved on, he couldn't resist a parting negative comment which Hank ignored. He had already chosen where to put his energy. And it was all going toward enjoying another summer day at the farmers' market.

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points of view

Who was that masked man?

IT WAS ONE of those situations that could only happen in these troubled times. Jenn wanted ice cream for dessert and that meant one of us had to venture out into the big bad world, masks on, hand sanitizer at the ready.

"Ice cream?" I said. "One of us is going to break our social isolation just so we can enjoy ice cream?"

"Oh....yeah....sure, one of us," she said.

"How are we going to decide who goes?" I asked. "Rock, paper, scissors? Flip a coin? Short stick?"

"No," Jenn said, "we're going to do it just like we have always done. We're going to use the pick a number method. It's more environmentally friendly."

I stared at her with no small amount of trepidation. For, if the last 20 or so times were any indication, I was horrible at that game.

In case you have never played it, the pick a number game is one of those simple games with a complex strategy.

One person picks a number in their head and the other one tries to guess it.

"OK," I said. "But I never seem to win this game."

"Yes," she agreed. "You are on a bit of a losing streak. So, I tell you what I'll do. This time I'll give you nine guesses to pick a number between one and 10."

That's my Jenn. Fair to a fault.

She then picked a number in her head and I commenced guessing. And, wouldn't you know it, I didn't guess it nine times in a row.

So, I put on my face mask, went into the store and bee-lined right to the ice cream section. On the way back, however, I decided that the trip

might as well be worth my while. So I detoured and added some cherry-flavoured Twizzlers and a six pack of root beer to my cart so I could cover all the major food groups.

And that's when disaster struck.

As soon as I got into the lineup, I looked at the guy ahead of me and, despite the mask, recognized him as my dentist.

For the first time ever, I was wishing I had a bigger mask.

Your dentist is the last person you want to meet when you are carrying ice cream, root beer and cherry-flavoured Twizzlers.

There's good reason for this too. It just takes one incident like this for a patient to lose his or her credibility in the dental chair. And let's be honest, when you are in the dental chair you want your dentist to believe you completely when he asks things like, "Does this hurt?" or "Has the anesthetic kicked in?" or "You sure you don't want the pink toothbrush?"

My only hope was that he would not recognize me with my mask on.

That's when he turned around and said, "Hey Steve." Then, his eyes bored a hole into my Twizzlers and my soul.

Though I'm not proud of it, I did the only thing a person can do at a time like that.

"They're for Jenn," I said. "So is the ice cream and soda."

"Really?" he said.

"Yes," I replied, "I can't stand the stuff. In fact, I much prefer eating apples and other dentally-friendly things. Nice wholesome apples, mmmm – I just wish I could get Jenn to eat one."

He just nodded.

Then he asked "What have you been up to lately?"

"Aside from brushing, flossing and maintaining my gums and advanced oral hygiene regimen, you mean?" I answered.

Fortunately, that's when the cashier started ringing in his stuff.

When I got home, the guilt consumed me.

But before it consumed me too much, Jenn said, "Oh, I feel horrible."

"Me too," I said.

"The pick a number game is rigged," she confessed. "I was dishonest but only because I think we both knew you were the expendable one. Can you ever forgive me?"

"Sure," I said. "No problem at all."

"Great," she replied. "Now what do you feel horrible about?"

"Your next dental appointment," I replied.



steve
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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This pic of the past photo was submitted by Karen Dunsmore (Robertson) of Calgary, Alberta. The teachers of Victoria Street Public School in 1970-1971 were, in back row, from left: Louise Curry, Mary Robertson, Olive Giles, Nick Pawluch, Dennis Baker, Doug Devolin (principal), Jane Cowie and Bonnie Walling. In the front row, from left: Enid Dart, Freida Stewart, Betty Herlihey, Jean Neville, Linda Clarkson and Frances Elstone. This photo originally ran in the Echo in 2009. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to share, email it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

letters to the editor

Crowded classrooms unsafe

To the Editor,

As a former kindergarten teacher, I am supporting kindergarten educators who are advocating to reduce the maximum class size of 30 students in order to achieve safe environmental distancing and meet the requirements of heightened hygiene routines. Disinfecting surfaces and learning materials for this age group is a daunting task. Add the supervision of toileting, hand washing, and nose blowing. Admit that, even if three to five year olds were developmentally ready to social distance, kindergarten classrooms are not big enough to create adequate physical parameters.

The full day kindergarten program depends on an environment of shared spaces (sand, blocks, water, math exploration, carpet time, guided instruction centres). New hygiene protocols mean that these shared learning supports have been removed or limited to individual use. By reducing the number of students, kindergarten educators

could manage the shift in programming to "individual learning materials and personal use manipulatives" as outlined in the back to school plan.

Past organizational options for kindergarten have included alternate day classes and half day programming (morning or afternoon). Also, staggered entry for kindergarten students (allowing small introductory groups to learn routines) was once common practice in Ontario, and would work well now.

Since the introduction of Ontario's full day kindergarten program, the promise of meaningful play- and inquiry-based instruction has been compromised due to crowded, often chaotic, classrooms. Thirty is too many. Now it is also unsafe. Please support the need to revisit maximum class sizes for our youngest and most vulnerable students.

Janet Trull
Retired teacher

Masks, masks, masks

To the Editor,

Not wearing a mask in public is like double dipping the guacamole. It's just not nice.

Two things to know about mask-wearing. First, your face covering protects others from your viral-laden respiratory droplets. Second, it decreases your risk of getting sick by about 65 per cent. The mask can reduce the amount of virus that you get in, so if you do get infected you have a lower dose with milder symptoms or no symptoms at all.

Masks mainly provide a physical barrier to respiratory droplets that are about one-third the size of a human hair. Those drops are one of the major

ways the virus is transmitted. (Dean Blumberg, MD, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UC Davis Children's Hospital.)

Masks work. An international study that looked at which factors work best to reduce spread of COVID-19 identified three: (1) restriction of large gatherings of people, (2) school closures, (3) social distance (wear masks, keep six feet apart, restrict who you interact with). ("Impact of climate and public health interventions on the COVID-19 pandemic: a prospective cohort study," CMAJ, July 2020.)

Three other studies analyzing COVID among



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Social distancing and mask wearing are critical

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health-care workers demonstrated that universal masking is associated with a significantly lower rate of COVID-19 transmission. ("Studies Track Infections to Measure Mask Effectiveness" - Medscape - Aug. 14, 2020.)

But even surgical masks are not airtight enough to create an effective barrier against much smaller aerosol particles, which are about 1/100th the size of a human hair. The best defence against aerosol particles is social distancing.

"Studies in laboratory conditions now show the virus stays alive in aerosol form with a half-life on the scale of hours. It persists in the air," says William Ristenpart, PhD, a professor of chemical engineering at UC Davis. "That's why you want to be outdoors for any social situations if possible."

Many people have no symptoms and transmit the virus unwittingly so wearing a mask and keeping a distance are both critical.

Mask material. Studies that look at effectiveness of mask materials not surprisingly find denser fabrics and double layers better able to stop respiratory droplets. Felt and wool are too porous to stop respiratory droplets, and bandanas and neck fleeces actually increase spread of viral particles by breaking down larger particles into many smaller particles that stay airborne longer. Double layer fabrics are ideal. If you can blow out a candle with your mask on, it is not going to stop the spray of your viral-laden respiratory droplets.

Be socially responsible and kindly encourage others to do the same.

Dr. Nell Thomas
Family Physician
Minden Hills

Wildlife in your backyard



This ovenbird (one of the many warblers who visit in the summer) was spotted skulking around the forest floor at Belinda Gallagher's place in Tory Hill.



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Escape to the End of the Rail

A visual diary of a young girl choosing to leave everything behind to observe life at the rails end

July 14, 1979

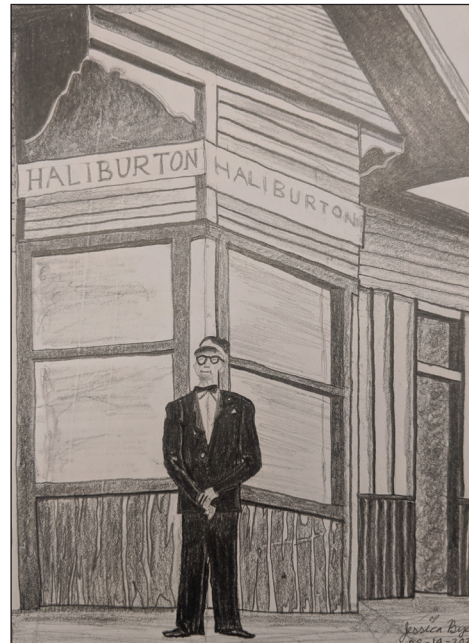
What a memorable day in Haliburton history! Today was the day that the Rails End Gallery first ever opened their doors for the public. Since the last time I wrote in this, Haliburton Station had been shut down and no more trains were coming to Haliburton. This left the building unused for a little until the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts decided to make the old station their new home. I am one of the members of the Guild of artists. Our objective is to draw together the various communities in Haliburton County and service their individual artistic and cultural needs. We transformed the baggage and freight room into a gallery/exhibition space to display traveling art shows and the work of local craftspeople. There is a small office where the station master used to sell tickets, and the old waiting room can be used for small meetings or displays. Earlier today, people gathered at our front doors for the grand opening and speeches. The opening show consisted of a group of artists and craftspeople from all parts of Canada, including one of my own works! After the show, the Guild members and friends gathered at Sir Sam's Inn, Eagle Lake for dinner and the presentation of honorary memberships.

Until next time Diary...

Come visit the Rails End Gallery to learn more about the evolution of Haliburton Station on our new slideshow presentation in the lobby.

Written by Jessica Byers

Jessica Byers is the summer student at Rails End Gallery. Did you know Rails End has a call for entry to students from Grade 1 to 12 for their online student art exhibition? Find details at www.railsendgallery.com



The grand opening of the Rails End Station Gallery was a particularly memorable day for Cyril Feir, centre, who was a former conductor when passenger trains ran out of Haliburton. He dressed in his original conductor's uniform to commemorate the event.

Puzzle makers collaborate with area artist

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

When the doors of TheOccurrence, local puzzle purveyors, open on Aug. 21, at The Puzzle Factory, it could be to a line of fans – of puzzles, of Canadian landscapes, or both.

TheOccurrence is launching their new release that day, the already-coveted 504-piece Wendy Wood puzzle featuring *Heaven on the Hangdog Channel*, and with it their Canadian Artist Series. Forty people have signed up expressing interest in the launch, at which Wood, a Canadian landscape artist who lives in the Haliburton Highlands, will attend to sign puzzle boxes from 1 to 5 p.m.

Heaven on the Hangdog is a painting – an acrylic on canvas – by Wood. Michael J. Bainbridge and Brigitte Gall, TheOccurrence co-founders, were part of the Haliburton Art in the Park craft show last year, where Wood also had a booth.

"Michael and I both had the same thought bubble at the same time – 'Wendy's work would make a brilliant puzzle', so we asked if she'd consider working with us and she said yes," said Gall.

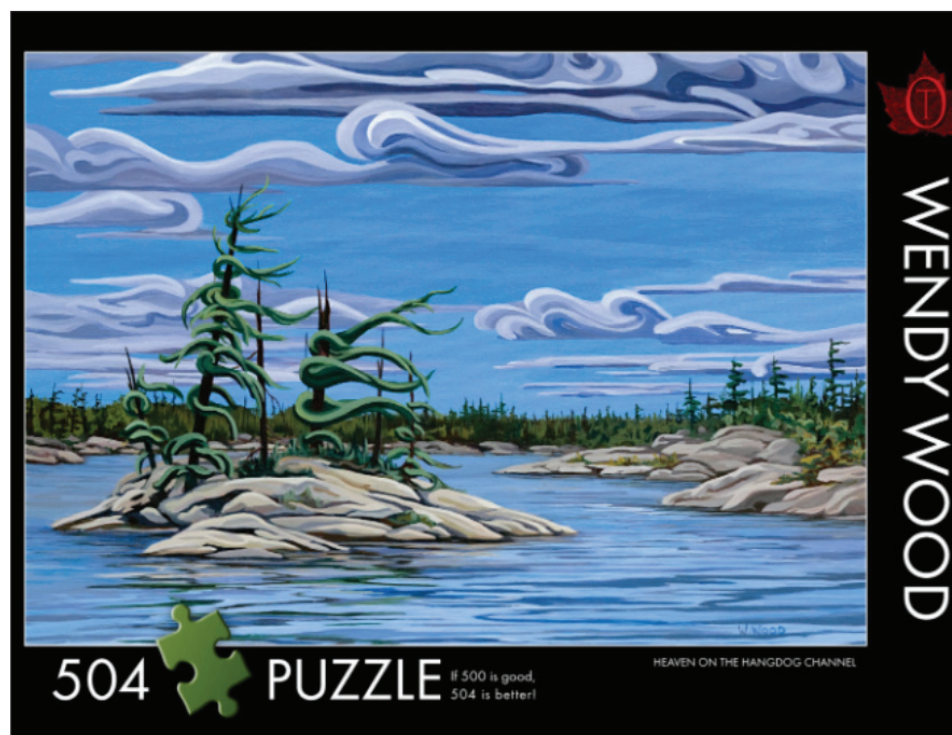
The pair have approached other local artists, and artists in the Greater Toronto Area, Newfoundland and British Columbia.

"Picking the right image is a long process because on one hand, while a piece might be stunning and appealing, it has to meet the criteria of being a fun and accessible jigsaw puzzle," said Gall.

TheOccurrence website describes the Wood puzzle as being perfect for a "weekend at the cottage," and recommended pairings are a "Mom-sized 'juice' box or a kale smoothie."

"The Hangdog Channel is nestled in the world's largest chain of freshwater islands," reads the puzzle launch press release. "Rock faces scraped bare from the wind, twisted white pine, and the wide, wild water of the 30,000 islands are woven into the Canadian identity. The rugged beauty of the Canadian Shield requests the observer to be still, and listen to the heavenly chorus of nature."

The Wendy Wood Puzzle Launch takes place on Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the event, TheOccurrence or The Puzzle Factory, located at 130 Industrial Park Road, Unit #2, visit www.TheOccurrence.ca.



Artist Wendy Wood's painting, *Heaven on the Hangdog Channel*, has been transformed into a 504-piece puzzle by Haliburton puzzle makers, TheOccurrence. A launch event is being held Friday, Aug. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. /Image supplied



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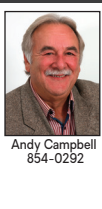
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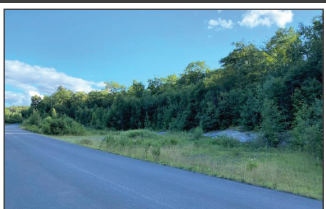
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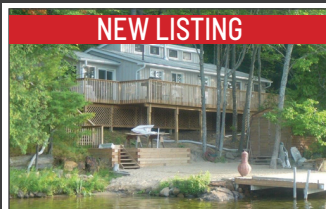
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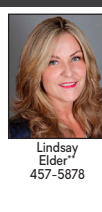
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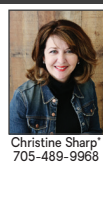
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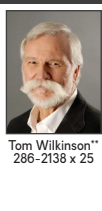
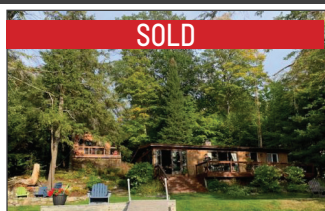
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\$25,000 prize provides brighter future for Bonnie View Inn

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

The Bonnie View Inn’s owner and operator Andrea Hagarty’s smile said it all after her business won Haliburton’s Big Lobby Makeover valued at \$25,000.

She remembers the day of the announcement being busy, which made it a challenge to watch Andria Cowan Molyneaux of ACM Designs announce the winner on Facebook on Aug. 4. “I was working like crazy. I made it to my [front] desk for like, 12:05 and as I turned on Facebook Live Andria was like the winner is the Bonnie View Inn,

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 - 1. Popular musical awards show
 - 5. Speech in one’s honor
 - 11. A state of poor nutrition
 - 14. Not ingested
 - 15. More lacking in taste
 - 18. “Popeye” cartoonist
 - 19. Helps to reduce speed
 - 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
 - 23. Georgian currency
 - 24. Proverb expressing a truth
 - 28. Jewish calendar month
 - 29. Volume measurement
 - 30. Fair-skinned
 - 32. Patti Hearst’s captors
 - 33. Have already done
 - 35. Touch lightly
 - 36. Autonomic nervous system
 - 39. Plant part
 - 41. College degree
 - 42. Military alliance
 - 44. Tokyo’s former name
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. U.S. military school
 - 2. Controls
 - 3. Away from wind
 - 4. Grab quickly
 - 5. Being everlasting
 - 6. Vase
 - 7. Atomic #3
 - 8. Type of medication
 - 9. Encircle with a belt
 - 10. Belonging to you
 - 12. American state
 - 13. City in Zambia
 - 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Of the country
 - 20. Helsinki district
 - 22. 36 inches
 - 25. Reporters’ group
 - 26. The voice of Olaf
 - 27. Explains in detail
 - 29. Tooth caregiver
 - 31. One point south of due east
 - 34. Scottish river
 - 36. Elsa’s sister
 - 37. Civil Rights group
 - 38. Line of poetry
 - 40. Doctor
 - 43. Fatty acid
 - 45. Avatar (abbr.)
 - 48. Awe-inspiring garden
 - 50. Fall down
 - 51. Rock icon Turner
 - 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
 - 54. UK museum network
 - 55. Stairs have at least one
 - 57. Part of (abbr.)
 - 58. Simpson trial judge
 - 59. Sun up in New York
 - 61. Exclamation of surprise

Answers on page 13



The Bonnie View Inn's owner/operator Andrea Hagarty is still beaming about winning Haliburton's Big Lobby Makeover, announced by ACM Design's Andria Cowan Molyneaux on Friday, Aug. 7. With a makeover prize valued at \$25,000, the contest was the brainchild of Haliburton-based ACM Designs, which enlisted the support of area businesses to help sponsor. The makeover is expected to happen some time after Sept. 13./DARREN LUM Staff

Andrea Hagarty. I was like, ‘Yay. That’s awesome,’” she said.

Although ACM Designs remained open during the COVID-19 shutdown, they saw the larger picture and knew other industries such as the tourism sector weren’t as fortunate, so they approached area businesses to help sponsor the contest.

This meant a business would win a great prize, but also other businesses would have their profiles boosted through social media.

Hagarty said she entered the contest because friends kept alerting her to the opportunity.

For all the passion Hagarty has for the inn, she needed a little help, particularly during the period when the business couldn’t open to the public. Enter the Yates family, who have invested in the business and have an agreement in principle to take over the business from Hagarty in three years.

She was actually in the reception area and learned of the win with her new business partner Ryan Yates and his six-year-old daughter.

Yates said he is looking forward to the fall after what has turned out to be a busy summer. The resort is completely booked until Sept. 13.

This win is all about Hagarty, he said.

“She’s been around so long and she’s made such awesome contacts. I’ve had the pleasure of sitting at the desk with her and seeing people coming through the door and been back over and over and over again. So that’s what really stood out to me is that Andrea just made this happen,” he said.

As of July 1, the Yates family have been financial backers and have lived on site where Hagarty used to live.

The family, who spent the past 10 years living in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, includes wife Stephanie, and their four children aged six to 15.

Hagarty has owned the inn since 2005 (becoming sole owner in 2015) and has worked there since 1991.

She said this makeover is great for everyone and she feels happy for the Yates family, who have invested in a place at a time not best for business.

“They bought in knowing COVID-19 was going to be crappy, knowing it’s not the best year to buy in ... so this makeo-

ver for both of us was a huge, awesome [gift],” she said.

Part of the value of this business for Yates goes beyond the numbers.

He said he’s looking forward to raising his family in the Highlands, which offers a view of Lake Kashagawigamog, just like Hagarty did.

“We’re super excited to be here and be part of continuing on the tradition, as opposed to changing,” he said. “We’re very excited to just continue what she’s spent so much time working towards ... her legacy.”

Before the Yates family, there were many prospective operators who Hagarty interviewed to takeover, but they just weren’t suitable.

“They are going to be amazing for Haliburton. I’m so excited about them. ... [He] and I, we think the same, we do the same, we work the same. It’s so nice,” she said.

Hagarty thanked ACM Designs owner Andria Cowan Molyneaux, supporters who voted for the Bonnie View online, and the other businesses that sponsored the contest such as Emmerson Lumber, Up River Trading Co., Hodgkinson Enterprise Inc., Yours Outdoors and Cordell Carpet.

“For all of them to get together and do something so cool like this for us, knowing we had so much trouble is like beyond awesome,” she said.

Started in 1924, the inn has only had five owners in its history.

With the business partnership with the Yates family in place, their expected takeover of the inn and now this recent makeover win, Hagarty’s hopeful for a lasting legacy where future generations will be able to fall in love with Haliburton and the Bonnie View Inn just like she did. For her, being at the inn hasn’t been work. It’s been home.

She feels good that her guests will now have a welcoming reception area that is worthy of the rest of the resort’s high quality and great service.

“And what a good way for me [after] so many years and leave it awesome because I want Bonnie View Inn to stay here forever for people so it’s good,” she said.

For more information and to stay up to date with the status of the makeover, see the Facebook page for The Big Lobby Makeover (www.facebook.com/biglobbymakeover/).

Staff Reporter

After thinking more about his fountain of youth, he talks about his other interests, which include his athletic pursuits of the past and present, whether it was his nearly 25 years playing softball or his continued participation in curling. He is also a voracious reader and



Lenny Salvatori is a 90-year-old with a love of life and golf, and continues to play well, regularly scoring lower than his age after a round of 18. Friends and golf buddies are all impressed by his abilities on the course and always have good things to say about the lifelong Haliburton resident.

/DARREN LUM Staff

"She was a great person and that's part of your whole life and it makes a difference," he said.



Salvatori, who has learned a trick or two in his time, wears a wet towel around his neck to keep cool during the heat of the day.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	177	28	220
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	2	8	4	14
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	2	14
Resolved**	14	156	26	196
Deaths	0	32	0	32
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

As of Aug. 17, there are three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, and eight current high-risk contacts. High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case. This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding holidays by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Positive COVID-19 tests conducted in Haliburton County on residents with a primary address outside of Haliburton County are recorded in the health unit of that address. /Screenshot from the HKPR District Health Unit website at hkpr.on.ca.

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Barbara Larcina with some of her acrylic paintings. Larcina has attended Haliburton School of Art + Design for six years. Art on the Dock connects the community with each other, provides artists with an opportunity to sell their work, and raises money for the Artists in the School and Community Program. This year, \$5,075 was raised.



Jeanne Withers, an OCAD graduate and art teacher, shows landscapes from her travels.



Kennisis Lake hosts art tour

Above, Darren Poncelot demonstrates the different colours of his lighthouse using a remote control. Poncelot was displaying his well-crafted woodwork objects during Art on the Dock on Kennisis Lake Aug. 8 and 9. /HUW MORGAN Special to the Echo

Left, Jeanette Kling with a fine example of her oil paintings of local landscapes.

Community members celebrate birth of grandchildren

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Eleanor Cooper
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The column begins on a high note with congratulations to Wayne and Barb Fawcett, grandparents to the twins born to Graeme and Katy Fawcett on July 29, 2020. Benjamin and Priscilla are healthy, beautiful babies as shown in the pictures Barb let me see. Their home is Amhurstberg and the births took place in Windsor. Grandparents hope to visit them soon.

Congratulations to Perry and Kay Morrison on their 55th wedding anniversary on Aug. 7.

Company at Leslie and David Chumbley's over the summer included their daughter, Bethany of Orillia with Darren

Nickson and Hailey Mawbey and Nick and Jamie Lucien of Bracebridge. Kurt and Laura Jane, Valerie and Ken Chumbley's family from Mississauga. Steve and Brenda, daughter of Iris (Sisson) Gibbens, and son, Sean have visited on Pine Lake from Burlington.

Here, I have had the pleasure of Alan Cooper's daughter, Thomasin, and my daughter Beth on the Aug. 1 weekend. On Aug. 6 my sister June Campbell came for the day from Barrie with her daughter Carolyn and her husband Robert Sheen from Collingwood.

Sadly we have to express deep sympathy to J'Nan (Sisson) Yateman who has suffered the loss of her husband Mike on July 17, 2020, leaving not only his wife who gave devoted care in the past five months but also his sons, Curtis and Derek. The sympathy of all who know Mike is extended to all the family.

Jim and Shirley Cowling who had lived on the Irish Line for years are now on property in the Maple Lake area which had been part of the Dawson farm.



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QUALIFICATIONS:

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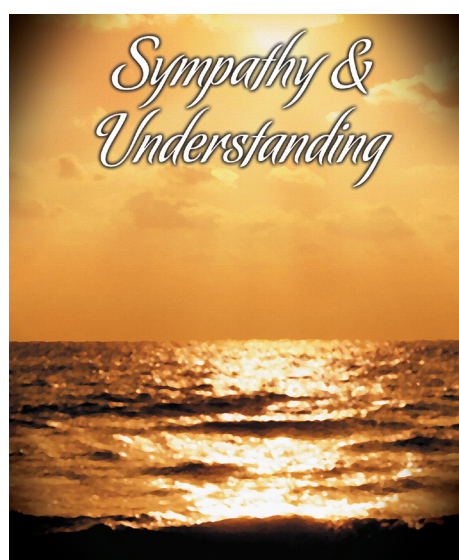
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Karissa was raised in Haliburton where she attended Elementary and High School. She left Haliburton to attend Seneca College achieving a Business diploma which she used in her years of working with companies such as Millar Paving and Century 21.

Kari always had a passion for animals and the joy of colourful flowers which was obvious in her own home she created with her beloved Julio and adored children. Being a devoted mother to Gabriel and Elsa was her purpose in life and she loved her family with all her heart. As a child, Karissa loved helping Grandma Ruby and Grandpa Sid Roberts in their garden sampling the crop and driving to Peterborough to play mini golf with Grandma Hazel and Grandpa Dean Baker.

We would like to thank the many people of Haliburton who were involved with Kari as a child from the teachers who guided and encouraged her learning to the people who guided her in Brownies, Guides, skating and swimming.

She will be fondly remembered by her many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and colleagues. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Humane Society would be greatly appreciated. The family would also like to thank the staff, specialists and many doctors at Sunnybrook and Lakeridge Hospitals for their professionalism and loving care of Karissa. Many people in the Ajax area helped Karissa's family with homemade meals that were very appreciated and welcomed.



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Otter Lake

Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bdrm, 3 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 462ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite countertops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature.

\$979,000

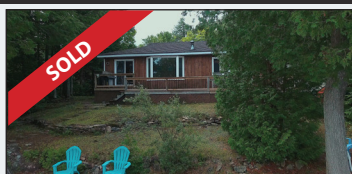


Percy Lake

Custom quality built 3-bdrm, 3 bath. Beautifully landscaped lot w/ 103ft of frontage. South East exposure. Clean, sand and smooth rock shoreline. Open concept living throughout. Finished with honey pine cathedral ceilings in the living room, stone wood burning fireplace and oak flooring. Large kitchen with cherry cabinetry and stainless-steel appliances. 4 season insulated sunroom. Fully finished lower level.

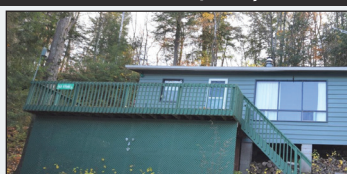
\$899,000

LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE \$580,000



The perfect package! 3 bdrm, 1 bath four season cottage. Many recent upgrades include new insulation in the attic, screened in porch, radiant in-floor heat throughout and much more. Level lot with great privacy at the end of the road. Gradual, sandy entry to the water with fantastic views.

LONG LAKE \$445,000



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.

ST. GERMAINE STREET \$235,000



3-bdrm, 1 bath home is perfectly situated in the town of Minden. Large living area with beautiful bay window. Many upgrades. A Fully unfinished basement awaits your finishing touch. The oversized level yard. Great privacy on a quiet road. Municipal water and sewers and school bus route.

SUMMERVILLE ROAD \$199,00



Affordable retreat. 2-bdrm, 1 bath cottage situated on a 1.02-acre lot. Just minutes from the town of Gooderham, public beach and boat launch. Cute and cozy living space. Full basement awaits your finishing touch. Level to sloping lot surrounded by mature trees and beautiful views of pond. Being sold "as is."

HAND DRIVE \$99,000



This property is the perfect handyman special. This unfinished cottage sits on a 1.78-acre parcel. Large windows allowing ample natural lighting. Interior awaits your finishing touch. 100 amp service installed. Very private with municipal access to Salerno Lake right across the road. This property is being sold "as is."

VACANT LOTS

Drag Lake \$469,000 7.24AC

Drag Lake \$349,900 3.51AC

West Lake \$349,000 0.60AC

NEW LISTING Colbourne Lk \$299,900 1.98 AC

Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC SOLD

Paddys Bay \$259,000 45.72AC

Basshaunt Lake Road \$47,000 2.36 AC

Cattail Road \$45,000 0.86AC

South Drive \$29,500 2.22AC

West Court Place \$29,000 2.43AC

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